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RED SNAPPER COMMERCIAL FISHERY IN GULF OF MEXICO FEDERAL WATERS WILL OPEN AT NOON, FEBRUARY 1, 2001

NOAA Fisheries announces that the commercial fishery for red snapper in Gulf of Mexico Federal waters will open at noon, local time, on February 1, 2001, and close at noon, local time, on February 10, 2001. During the spring season fishing will be allowed during the first ten days of each month until the quota is caught. The 2001 Gulf of Mexico commercial red snapper quota is 4.65 million pounds with 3.10 million pounds being allotted to the spring quota. The operator of a vessel with a valid reef fish permit having red snapper aboard must have landed and sold such red snapper prior to noon, local time, February 10, 2001. The minimum size limit for the commercial fishery is 15 inches total length.

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